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SUBJECT: MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN REPORT: US PERSONNEL NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH MOOSE-LOWENSTEIN IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THRUST OF THEIR INQUIRY ON THIS POINT WAS SIZE OF FORCES WE WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN IN COUNTRY IF US MILITARY OPERATIONS CEASED. WE STRESSED, FOR REASONS MENTIONED IN PAPER WE PROVIDED, DIFFICULTY OF COMING UP WITH ANYTHING BUT A BALLPARK ESTIMATE OF US PERSONNEL NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS. THEY WERE ALSO TOLD INFORMAL PAPER WAS NOT A COORDINATED MISSION VIEW. STAFFERS ACCEPTED SUBJECTIVE ESTIMATE AND DID NOT PRESS US FOR BREAKDOWN OF COMPONENTS. WE INCLUDED COPY OF PAPER IN PACKET POUCHED TO EA/TB AS FOLLOW-UP TO STAFFERS VISIT.

2. IN REACHING OUR TOTAL WE FIRST ESTIMATED THAT FOLLOWING MILITARY PERSONNEL NOW IN COUNTRY ARE NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO US INDOCHINA OPERATIONS: MAAG (600), SPECIAL CRYPTOLOGIC (1,750), COBRA TALON (250), USA/USAF INTELLIGENCE (150), AND MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT (400). WE INITIALLY CONSIDERED PROVIDING STAFFERS THIS TOTAL OF 3,150. WE DID NOT DO SO BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATED THAT IT MIGHT BE UTILIZED IN CONGRESS TO PROPOSE POST-HOSTILITIES CEILING FOR THAILAND. THIS WOULD PRESENT PROBLEM IF WE WISH MAINTAIN USAF PRESENCE ON ONE OR TWO THAI BASES AS CONTEMPLATED IN CURRENT PLANNING.

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